Prisoner Reentry Initiative

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Analysis

- From program inception to date 84 percent of participants enrolled in the program have exited.

- The recidivism rate from program inception to date is 15 percent, well below the preliminary national goal of 22 percent or less.

- Employment retention nationally is at 69 percent and average 6-month post-program earnings are $10,292 for the program to date, and is based only on those exiters that have reached the 6-month post-program date.

- The 6-month post-program earnings continue to be above the program goal of $9,360.

- The 6-month post-program earnings for the current quarter shows a two percent decline when compared with the quarter ending on June 30, 2008. This may be attributable to an increase in exiters from areas with lower costs of living and/or to the current downturn in the economy and reduced job openings.
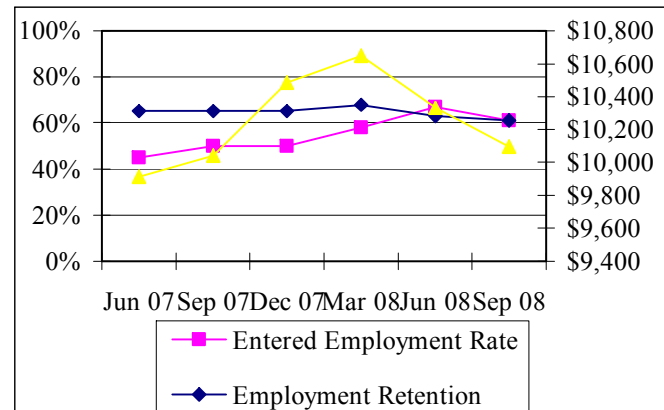
Charting Program Performance

Current Quarter/Program-to-Date

Performance Measure	9/30/08	PTD*
Entered Employment	61%	59%
Retained Employment	61%	69%
Average Earnings	$10,094	$10,292

* Program-to-Date (PTD) data is as of program inception in Spring 2006.

Performance in the Past Six Quarters

Program Description

The President's Prisoner Reentry Initiative seeks to strengthen urban communities characterized by large numbers of returning prisoners through an employment-centered program that incorporates mentoring, job training, and other comprehensive transitional services. This program is designed to reduce recidivism by helping inmates find work when they return to their communities, as part of an effort to build a life in the community for everyone.

Other Program Highlights/Innovations

At the end of ten full quarters of activity, the program has enrolled almost 16,000 participants and 67 percent have been placed into unsubsidized jobs.

Grantees continue to focus on continuous improvement performance and follow-up reporting.